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APPLICANTS: Goto et al.
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FILING DATE: April 17, 1998 EXAMINER: Romeo, D.
TITLE: NOVEL PROTEINS AND METHODS FOR PRODUCING THE PROTEINS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This paper is a preliminary amendment for a continued prosecution application of 09/062,113 filed herewith with fees. Please extend the date for response by one month up to and including May 24, 2001. A petition for a one month extension of time and a check to cover the extension fee is enclosed herewith. Applicants believe no additional fees are due. If Applicants are in error, please charge deposit account number 20-0531. Applicants further submit on even date herewith an Information Disclosure Statement, references AA-AD, BA-BC, and CA-CR.

Please enter the amendments and consider the remarks below.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 32-34 and 41-46 as follows:

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32. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence as provided in SEQ ID NO. 83.
33. (Amended) An isolated protein encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence as provided in SEQ ID NO. 83, residues 1 to 1206.